Hostels for backward class girls

†2888. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government have received a proposal from Madhya Pradesh Government for Rs.469.05 lakhs during 2006-07, towards the cost of second phase of construction of hostel with 50 seats in the district headquarter for the backward class girls under the Centrally sponsored scheme;

(b) if so, by when the sanction would be given to this proposal; and

(c) the status of the proposal at present?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Keeping in view the demand from other States and availability funds under the Scheme, an amount of Rs. 372.50 lakh had been released to the Government of Madhya Pradesh for construction of 17 hostels.

Welfare of disabled

2889. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether India is a signatory to the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and if so, whether India has constituted a Commission for the rights of the disabled, on the lines of Human Rights Commission;

(b) whether the Supreme Court has bestowed a corpus comprising of surplus funds lying with RBI out of illegal collection of rounding up of interest method practiced by 26 nationalized banks amounting to Rs.3600 crore with Government, for the sole purpose of creating a trust for the welfare of the disabled;

(c) if so, whether this sum has since been utilized for creation of the trust; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) Yes Sir. India has signed the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities on 30th March 2007 but no such commission on the lines of Human Rights Commission has been constituted as there is no such requirement under the UN Convention.

(b) to (d) Based on the Hon'ble Supreme Court's judgement ''Trust Fund for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities'', under the Chairmanship of Comptroller and Auditor General of India has been set up in which an amount of Rs. 49.66 crore has been deposited by the concerned banks.

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